

**EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Pereira on February 28, 2008.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the Abstract, last line, the term "Figure 1" has been deleted;

In claim 10, line 4, line 5, line 6, line 7 have been deleted, and in claim 10, line 8, the term "TiO<sub>2</sub> in an amount of 0-3%;" has been deleted; and

Claims 17, 19 and 21 have been deleted.

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the prior art fails to teach or suggest a sandwich structure comprising a core of mineral fibers having a fiber distribution with a substantially V-shaped profile in combination with all of the other features of claim 1. The closest prior art is Rasmussen, however, the core in the Rasmussen product does not have a V-shaped fiber distribution.

**Inventorship**

3. In view of the papers filed 12/4/06, it has been found that this nonprovisional application, as filed, through error and without deceptive intent, improperly set forth the inventorship, and accordingly, this application has been corrected in compliance with 37 CFR 1.48(a). The inventorship of this application has been changed by adding Jean-Pierre Maricourt as an inventor.

The application will be forwarded to the Office of Initial Patent Examination (OIPE) for issuance of a corrected filing receipt, and correction of Office records to reflect the inventorship as corrected.

***Conclusion***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Alexander Thomas whose telephone number is 571-272-1502. The examiner can normally be reached on 6:30-4:00 M-THUR.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Rena Dye can be reached on 571-272-3186. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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